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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

**ABSTRACT**

A blending system that includes a blending vessel having an internal surface that has at least one layer of a polymeric coating material thereon, and an impeller is disclosed. The polymeric coating material preferably includes a fluorocarbon polymer.